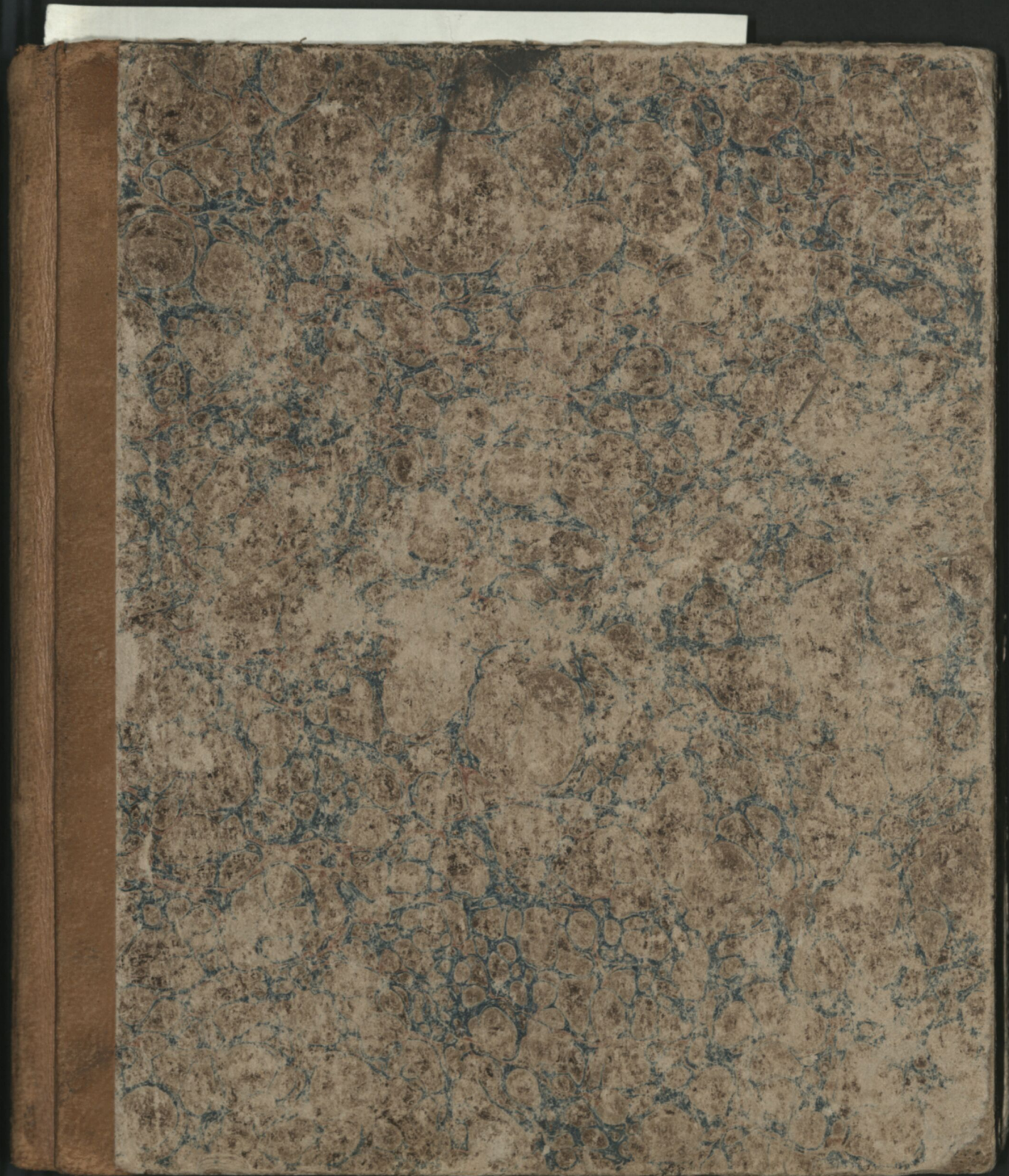
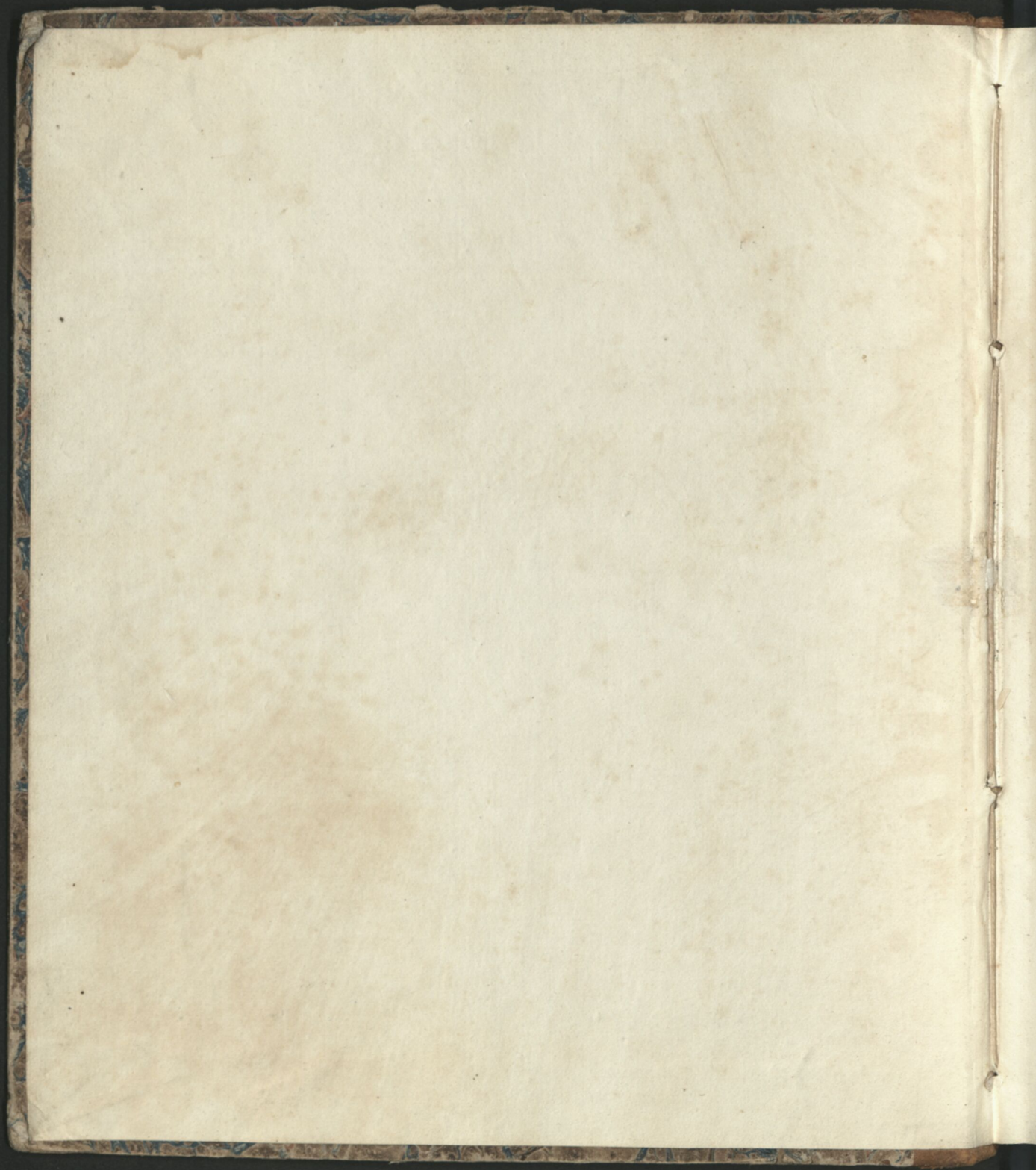


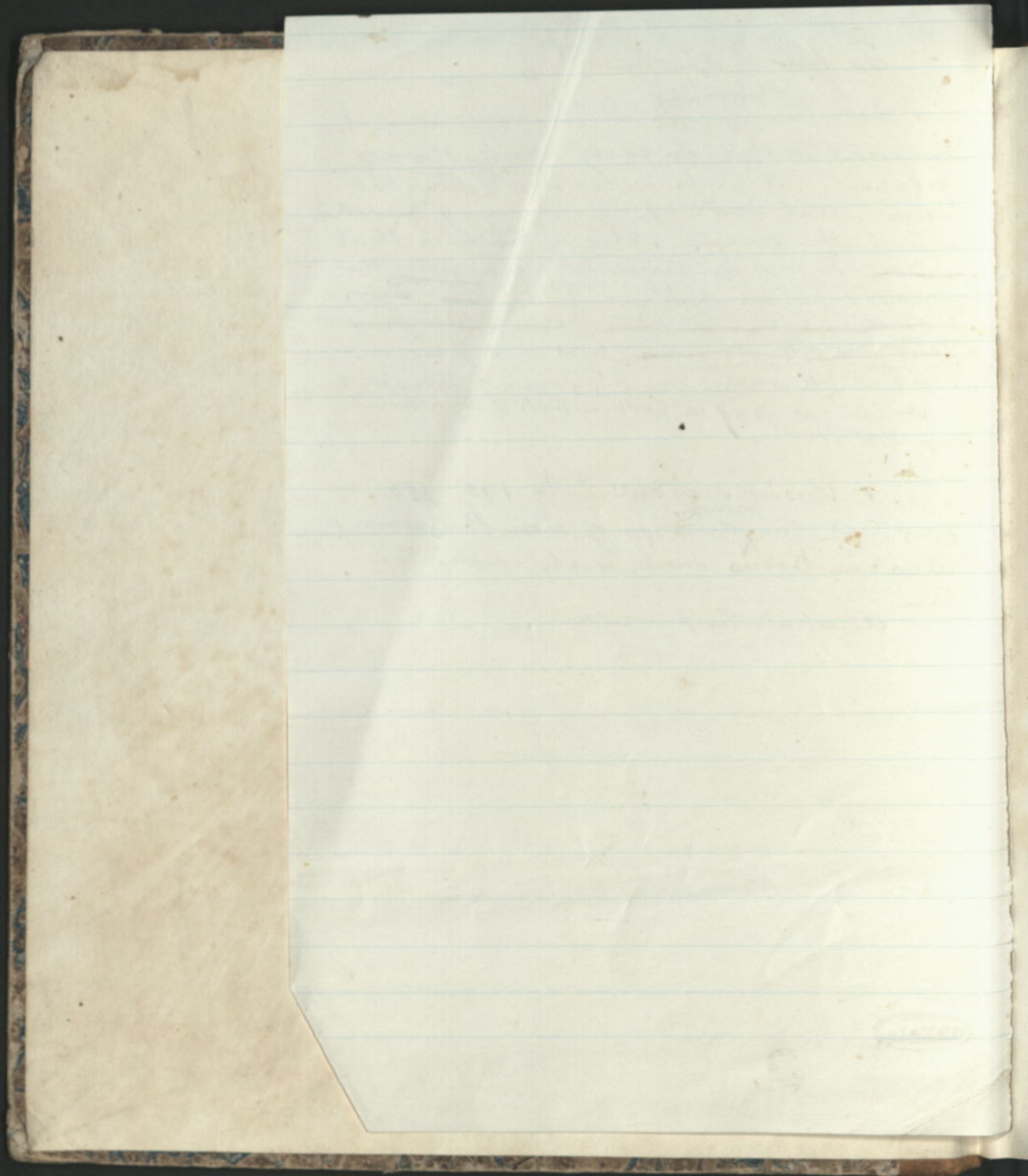




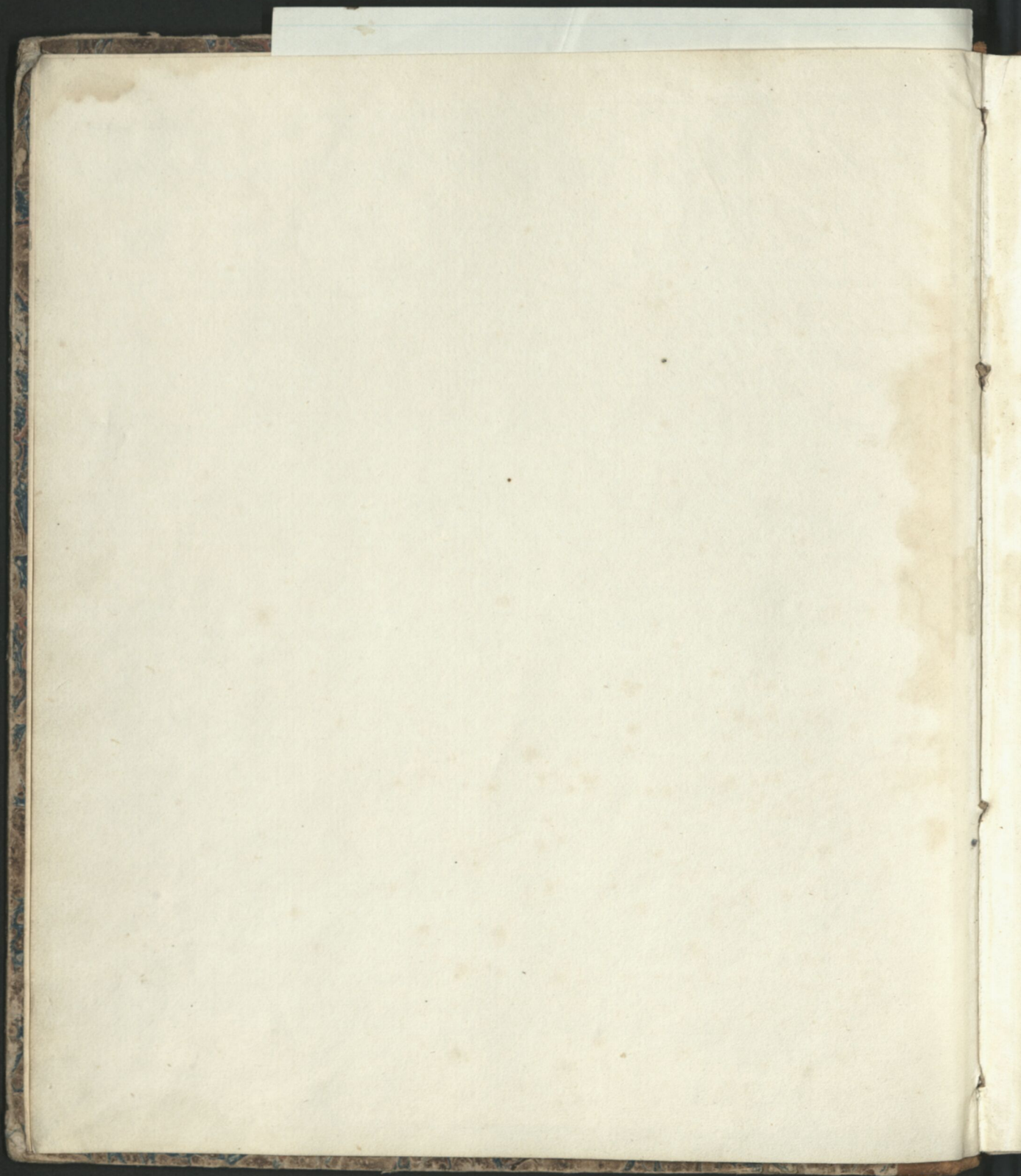
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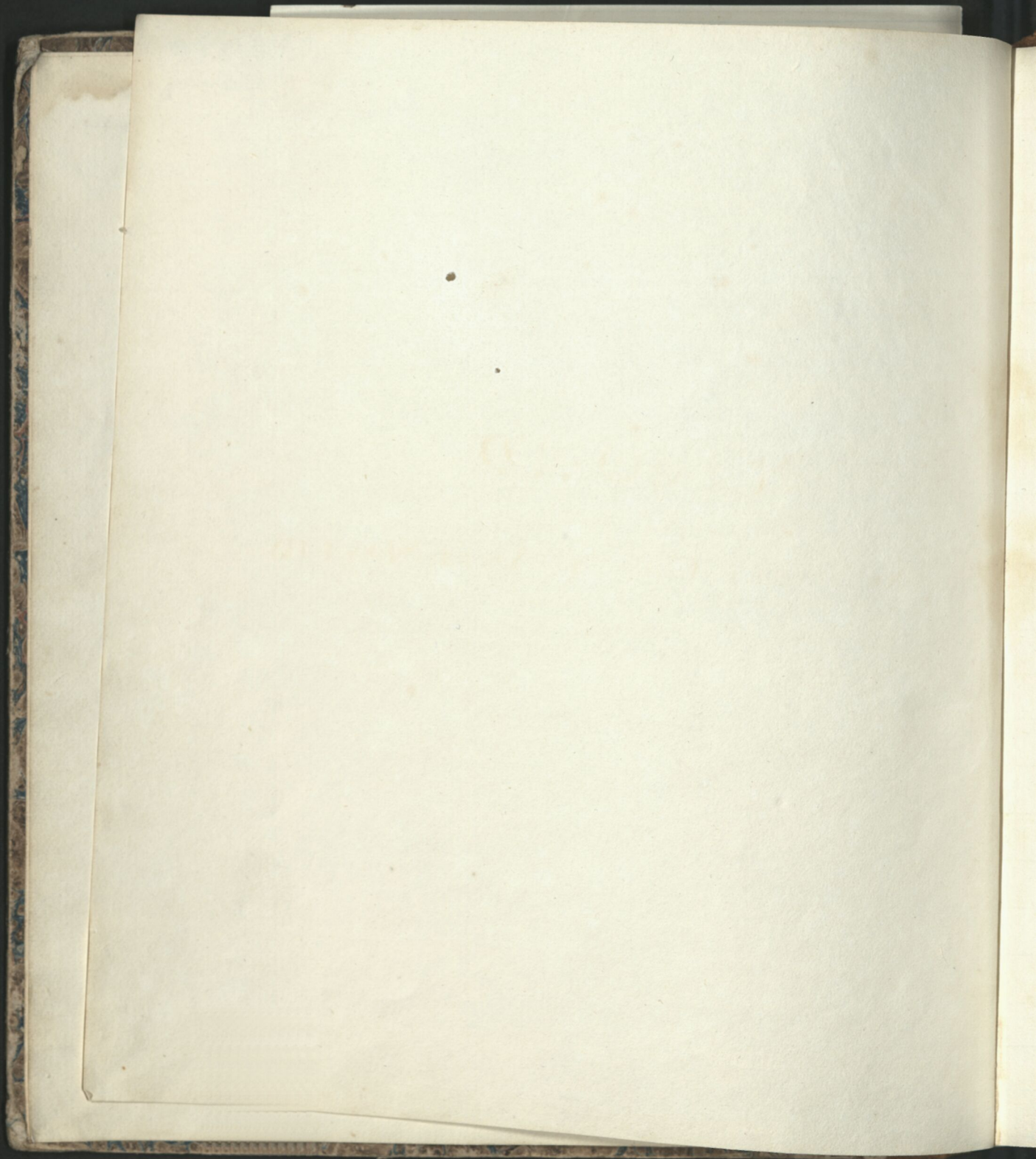
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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

At a meeting of the abolitionists of Manchester, held on the 25th of 6th mo. 1837. Pursuant to public notice, for the purpose of reorganizing a County Anti Slavery Society, which shall embrace both men & women, on terms of perfect equality, in accordance with the spirit of the ~~United States~~ Constitution and declaration of sentiments, * Thomas Macy was called to the chair, Anna Gardner appointed Secretary.

A Preamble & Constitution were submitted, which after some discussion & amendment were adopted.

On motion, Eliza Barney, Andrew M. Macy, & Charlotte Austin were appointed a committee to nominate officers.

While this committee were out, Nathaniel Barney made a few remarks relative to the anticipated visit of Henry C. Wright. On motion, Voted, That Nathaniel Barney & Charlotte Austin be a committee to wait upon Henry C. Wright, & invite him to address the Society
* of the American Anti Slavery Society.

The nominating committee having returned & reported, the following list of officers, which was unanimously adopted. For President, Thomas Macy. Vice Presidents, Eliza Barney, Peter Macy, Alexander Robinson, & Elizabeth C. Macy, Recording Secretary, Anna Gardner. Corresponding Secretary, Andrew M. Macy. Treasurer, Oliver C. Gardner. Directors, David Huntington, Susan Dox, Edward J. Pomroy, Eunice C. Macy, & Charlotte Austin. Thomas Macy & Peter Macy declined filling the offices to which they had been elected.

On motion of Charlotte Austin,
Voted, That their resignation be not accepted until they shall have ^{had} a week for reconsideration.

On motion of Nathaniel Barney,
Voted, That a committee be appointed to fill the vacancies in the board, if it should be necessary, & report at the next meeting of the Society. Nathaniel Barney & Eliza Barney were appointed for that purpose.
Eliza Barney offered the following resolution,

which was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we deeply regret the loss which the Anti-Slavery cause in this place has sustained, by the removal of those faithful & persevering friends of the oppressed, Cyrus & Harriet Princes; & that we console ourselves for the loss to our ranks, by the assurance that their labors will be as unemitting in that section to which they have transferred their residence, as they have been while among us.

On motion of Andrew M. Macy,

Resolved, That Nathaniel C. Barney forward the resolution to Cyrus & Harriet Prince, with such other remarks as he might see fit to make.

On motion of Susan Dow,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to circulate copies of the Constitution, for the purpose of obtaining signatures. Charlotte Austin moved a reconsideration of this motion, which was subsequently withdrawn; & the following persons appointed for that purpose: David Huntington, Charlotte Austin, Susan Dow, Susan Clabby, Oliver C. Gardner, Edwards J.

Proposed, * On motion of Andrew ^{M.} Macy,
Resolved, That each member of the committee furnish
themselves with a copy of the Constitution,
& that the original names be recorded.

On motion of Eunice S. Macy,
Resolved, That a statement of the formation of this
society, with the names of its officers, be
transmitted for publication in the Liberator.
Resolved, To adjourn.

9th mo. 4th.

Owing to a lecture delivered in another part
of the town, a few members only of the Anti
Slavery Society met at the door of Franklin
Hall, & resolved to adjourn the annual meeting of
till such time as the executive committee
may see fit to call them together.

Met at Franklin Hall. Thomas Macy in the
chair. The committee appointed to fill
vacancies in the board reported the name
of David Jay as candidate for the office of
President, in the place of Thomas Macy who
* & Elizabeth S. Macy.

declined serving in that capacity for the
David Jay was elected to fill
that office for the ensuing year. On motion
of Andrew M. Macy, the following resolution was
discussed by the mover,
George Bradburn, & Nathaniel Barney.

Resolved, That it is the imperative duty of all who are accus-
tomed to vote, to carry their abolitionism to the
polls, & to make the elective franchise tell, wherever
& however it may be done, for the interest of the
slave. While this resolution was pending, Rev. Daniel
Rounds rose to introduce ^{where} he
expected would ^{also} offer some remarks; but first
queried whether the meeting was exclusive in
its nature, or whether by not being a member of
the society, might have the privilege of speaking
which elicited some remarks from Andrew M. Macy,
Nathaniel Barney, & George Bradburn. On motion of S. Austin,
Voted, that the resolution now under discussion be laid
on the table, to give place to another motion. S.
Austin then moved that all persons who are
not members of the society, be invited

to participate in the discussions of the meeting, which was adopted, Rev. Daniel Rounds having been requested to explain himself more fully, rose for that purpose. On motion, the resolution which had been previously laid on the table, was taken up for discussion.

offered some remarks. On motion of Andrew M. Macy,

Motion, that the resolution be again laid on the table, to be taken up at the next meeting of the society. On motion,

Motion, that when we adjourn, it be to meet two weeks from second day evening next, at this place. Some further remarks were offered by Andrew M. Macy, Nathaniel Barney &

On motion, adjourned.

Met at Franklin Hall. The president in the chair. On motion,

Motion, That the resolution which was laid on the table at the last meeting be taken up for discussion. Upon which Andrew M. Macy

offered some remarks. George Bradburn moved
that the resolution be again laid on the table
for the purpose of introducing the following
Resolved. That the article entitled "Abolition a Sedition"
which appeared in the San Francisco Inquirer
of Saturday last - (the 1st instant) is discharged
with falsehood, slander, & hypocrisy, betraying
an ignorance of the genius of our govern-
-ment, equaled only by its bold disregard of
the self-evident truth of the declaration of
American Independence. This resolution after
being discussed at some length by George Bradburn
was adopted. For the purpose of opening for
the consideration of the meeting the subject of
petitioning, Charlotte Austin moved that the
Secretary be requested to send the forms of petitions
to Congress & our State Legislature - which was adop-
-ted. Andrew M. Macy moved that a committee of 12
should be appointed to circulate the petitions in
this community - which elicited some remarks
from Nathaniel Barney & George Bradburn, having
particular reference to those restrictive regulations

respecting marriage, which now disgrace our
Statute book. Charlotte Austin moved, a
reconsideration of the last motion, which was
adopted. For the purpose of leaving the subject
open for a more full discussion at a subsequent
meeting, a motion to lay them on the table was
also adopted. Andrew M. Macy moved that the
resolution respecting political action be again
taken up. In motion of George Bradburn, it
was adopted. On motions adjourned

10th Mo. 1840.

Met, at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy one of the
Vice Presidents in the chair. On motion, the
Constitution of the Society, was read & circula-
ted through the room, for the purpose of obtaining
signatures. Isaac Austin addressed the meeting
in a few brief remarks on the subject of petitioning.
he was followed by Peter Macy & Nathaniel Barney
upon the same subject. On motion,
Voted, that a committee of 12 persons be appointed to
prepare & circulate petitions through this community.
The following persons were appointed by

nomination Susan Dox, Nathaniel Barney,
Charlotte Austins Peter Macy J. P. Gardner,
Anna Gardner, Charlotte Brown, Eliza Nicholson,
Phebe Hussey, Jr. Edward J. Pomroy, Paul Briggs
& Augustus Morse. Andrew M. Macy offered
the following resolution.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the cause of negro
emancipation is yet so far from its con-
summation, as to require the united efforts
of all its advocates for its advancement,
& inasmuch as the ranks of the abolitionists
are not yet so full, that any may be spared
for the carrying on of an intestine warfare
Therefore, Resolved, That we regard with the liveliest
sorrow & misgivings, the recent divisions
among the abolitionists throughout our State,
& believe that movements for the formation
of a new society in our town are not only
uncalled for, but would be in the highest
degree impolitic & reprehensible. This resolu-
-tion was supported by the mover whose
remarks were pertinent & conclusive.

He was followed by Paul Feltgen & William
Parker. On motion,

Moved, That, the resolution under discussion be laid
on the table for the purpose of reconsider-
ing ^{the} one relative to political action, which was
adopted at the last meeting. On motion of A. M.

Moved, That, it now be taken up for discussion.

On this resolution Thomas Macy spoke at
some length in the negative, & a stranger
whose name was not given, in the affir-
-mative. Andrew M. Macy moved that the
resolution be again laid over, for discussion
at a subsequent meeting. On motion,

Moved, that, when we adjourn, it be to meet a week
from second day evening next, at half past
6 o'clock. On motion adjourned.

Met, at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy one of
the Vice Presidents in the chair. On motion,
Moved, that the names of four individuals be added
to the committee for circulating petitions. The
following persons were appointed by nomination;

William Parker, Matthew Barnard, Mary B. Mitchell & Elizabeth Punker. On motion, the resolution relative to political action was taken up. Upon which Andrew M. Macy & Isaac Austin spoke in the affirmative & Thomas Macy in the negative. Some desultory discussion ensued. On motion,

Resolved, that it be laid over for discussion at a subsequent meeting of the society. On motion, the resolution relative to the differences existing among abolitionists which was laid on the table at the last meeting of the society, was adopted without discussion. On motion, adjourned to meet on ^{Wed} day, evening the 28th inst.

10th mo. 28th

Met at Franklin Hall. The president in the chair. On motion of Thomas Macy an address to the Agents of the Mass. Anti-Slavery Society was read by the secretary. On motion, the resolution relative to political action be taken up for discussion; on which Andrew M. Macy & George Bradburn spoke in the affirmative Augustus Morde &

Thomas Mace in the negative. A motion to lay
the resolution on the table was then adopted.
George Bradburn offered the following series of
resolutions upon each of which he made some
brief remarks.

Resolved That the recent letter of Sir Lianah Smith,
Governor of Jamaica touching the working of
abolition in that extensive & populous Island
is calculated to fill with gladness the heart
of every philanthropist & that we joyfully
commending it to the candid consideration of
all who need an experiment to satisfy them
of the safety & utility of obeying God.

Resolved That no abolitionist can consistently lend
his influence to support any professed
minister of the gospel who is not friendly
to the immediate abolition of slavery.

Resolved That abolitionists in contributing to the
support of newspapers & periodicals are under
solemn obligations to give a decided preference
to those that are most favorable to the
doctrines and measures of immediate abolition.

Resolved That the assertion so often made by
the factionists composing the Mass.
abolition Society, that the Mass. Anti Slavery
Society has changed its ground in respect
of political action & the rights of its female
members, is false & slanderous, & that the
former, by making their society auxiliary
to the national society, have proved con-
-clusively, that the reasons assigned by them
for withdrawing from the Mass. Anti Slavery
Society cannot have been the true reasons.
On motion, these resolutions were laid
on the table. Andrew M. Macy offered
the following resolution which was unani-
-mously adopted,

Resolved That in view of the recent delivery from
captivity of two colored children, kidnapped
from this commonwealth, we recognize the
deep obligation conferred upon every friend
of liberty by the individual who, in the
face of determined & at first almost univer-
-sal opposition, procured the passage of

the law under which that liberation was
effected. On motion,

Resolved That when we adjourn it be to meet on 6th
day evening the 8th of 11th mo.
11th mo. 1844.

Met at Franklin Hall. Eliza Barney one of
the Vice Presidents in the chair. The resolutions
which were laid on the table at the last meeting were
called for. On motion, the resolution relative to
the Mass. Abolition Society, was taken up for discus-
sion. George Bradburn moved that it be amended
by inserting after auxiliary to the National Society,
the following, which had been previously the same
ground urged as objectionable in the Mass. Anti
Slavery Society, which was adopted. The resolution was
then adopted. George Bradburn offered the following
resolutions.

Resolved That the marriage Law of this Commonwealth,
which makes a distinction between its citizens,
because God has caused their complexions to differ,
which denounces respectable, virtuous men as soon
who have been united in holy wedlock, as being

in a state of concubinage, which stigmatises
with the odium of illegitimacy, the innocent
children of such men & women, & robs them
of the right to inherit property, is Anti-
Christian, Anti-democratic, unconstitutional,
& atrociously unjust. Some remarks were offered

in support of this resolution by the mover.
On motion, the resolutions laid on the table
at the last meeting of the society which had
not been adopted were taken up for discus-
sion. The resolution touching professed minis-
ters of the gospel was advocated by Daniel
Rounds & George Bradburn. On motion,

Resolved that the resolutions be laid on the table for
the purpose of reading letters from certain
political candidates who had been interroga-
ted respecting their sentiments on the subject
of slavery. Andrew M. Macy then read letters
from Judge Norton & others. Some insulting
discussion ensuing between George Bradburn
& Andrew M. Macy having reference to the claims
of the several political candidates to the

support of abolitionists. On motions
Voted to adjourn one week hence.
11th mo. 15th

Met at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy in the
chair. On motions the resolution relating
to the working of abolition in the island
of Jamaica was taken up for discussion.
Nathaniel Barney read some extracts touching
that subject accompanied by some remarks.
The resolution was then laid on the table to be
taken up at a subsequent meeting of the
society. The resolution relative to proffered
ministries of the gospel was adopted. On motion
the resolution relating to newspapers & periodicals
was taken up for discussion. A motion
was made to lay it on the table while this
motion was pending a subsidiary discussion
took place between George Bradburn & N. Barney.
The motion to lay it on the table was then
adopted. On motion, the resolution relative
to the marriage law was taken up for
discussion. It was supported by George

Bradburn & Nathaniel Barney. Andrew
M. Macy read some extracts respecting
prejudices accompanied by a few brief
remarks. The resolution was then
adopted. Nathaniel Barney offered for
the consideration of the meeting a series
of resolutions which were adopted by the
first annual meeting of the fair produce
society on the subject of fair produce.
Remarks were offered upon these resolutions
by Nathaniel Barney George Bradburn & Thomas
Macy. On motion of Rev. Daniel Rounds
Voted That they be laid over for discussion at
the next meeting of the society. On motion
Voted That when we adjourn it be to meet two weeks
hence. On motion
Voted to adjourn.

12th mo. 1844.

Met at Franklin Hall. The President in the chair.
A motion was made to omit recording the names
of those who take an active part in our meetings.
A short & desultory discussion ensued, after

which the motion was withdrawn. A motion to
take up the series of resolutions relative to the
use of slave produce, ^{which} was laid on the table at the
last meeting of the society, was adopted. Remarks
were offered upon this resolution by Nathaniel Barney,
Thomas Macy, Eliza Barney & Andrew M. Macy.
The resolution was then laid on the table. On motion
Voted, That when we adjourn it be to meet on 2nd day
evening the 14th of 12th mo. On motion, Voted, to adjourn
12th mo. 16th.

Met according to adjournment. Owing to the
inclemency of the weather a small number
only convened, consequently the meeting
adjourned to the 20th inst.
12th mo. 20th.

Met according to adjournment. Thomas Macy
in the chair. On motion, Voted, That when we
adjourn it be to meet on 3rd day evening next.
The following resolutions were offered & ably
supported by George Bradburn.
Resolved, That the attempts so often made to
prove the negroes to be, naturally and

inferior race; & therefore incapable of
taking care of themselves, prove only
this, that their authors, if honest, are, at
once, hostile to liberty, and, ignorant alike
of plain historical facts and, of the
principles of physiological sciences.

Resolved That the prevalent practices of
Americans, in boasting ^{themselves} the freest nation
on earth, while one sixth of our
people are held in chains, & many thou-
sands of others are, for the mere accident
of complexion, robbed of the common
rights & privileges of human beings,
abundantly justified Daniel O'Connell,
and other philanthropists of the old
world, in saying of America, "I condemn
her as the mildest of hypocrites the greatest
of liars." Remarks touching these resolutions
were offered by Thomas Muey & Andrew M.
Muey.* On motion, voted to adjourn.

* On motion, voted to lay them on the table.

Met, according to adjournment. Eliza Barney
in the chair. The resolutions which were laid
on the table at the last meeting of the Society,
having reference to the inconsistency of the
Americans in boasting themselves the freest
nation on earth while millions of their
people are held in chains, was taken up
& supported by George Bradburn in an
interesting speech occupying about two hours. 12
On motion, Voted, that when we adjourn
it be to meet on the 25th inst. Voted, to adjourn

12th mo. 25th.

Met at Franklin Hall. Eliza Barney in the chair
On motion Voted, that such of the representa-
tives to the general court as are willing
to act as delegates from this Society at
the eighth annual meeting of the Mass.
Anti Slavery Society be authorised to do so, &
that they be furnished with certificates
to that effect. On motion, the prospectus
to the 10th volume of the Liberator was read

which elicited some remarks from
Nathaniel Barney & George Bradburn in
commendation of the free spirit &
uncompromising course of their paper.
The remainder of the evening was occu-
pied in listening to an interesting speech
from George Bradburn. On motion, voted
that when we adjourn, it be to meet on
the 26th inst.

12th mo 26th.

Met at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy in
the chair. The evening was occupied
in listening to an interesting discourse
from George Bradburn. On motion,
voted to adjourn.

1st mo 3^d.

Met at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy in the
chair. Nathaniel Barney read some extracts
from a work lately published in Philadelphia by ^{on}
the African slave trade accompanied by
some remarks which also elicited remarks
from Thomas Macy Isaac Austin proposed

to adopt some measures to meet the
expenses which the society had incurred
& also to remit funds to the Mass. Soc.
In furtherance of this object he made a
donation of \$10. On motion the following
persons were appointed a committee for
that purpose. O. C. Gardner Alice H. Easton
David Huntington Anna Day Alexander
H. Robinson & Oliver Barney. On motion
Adjourned.

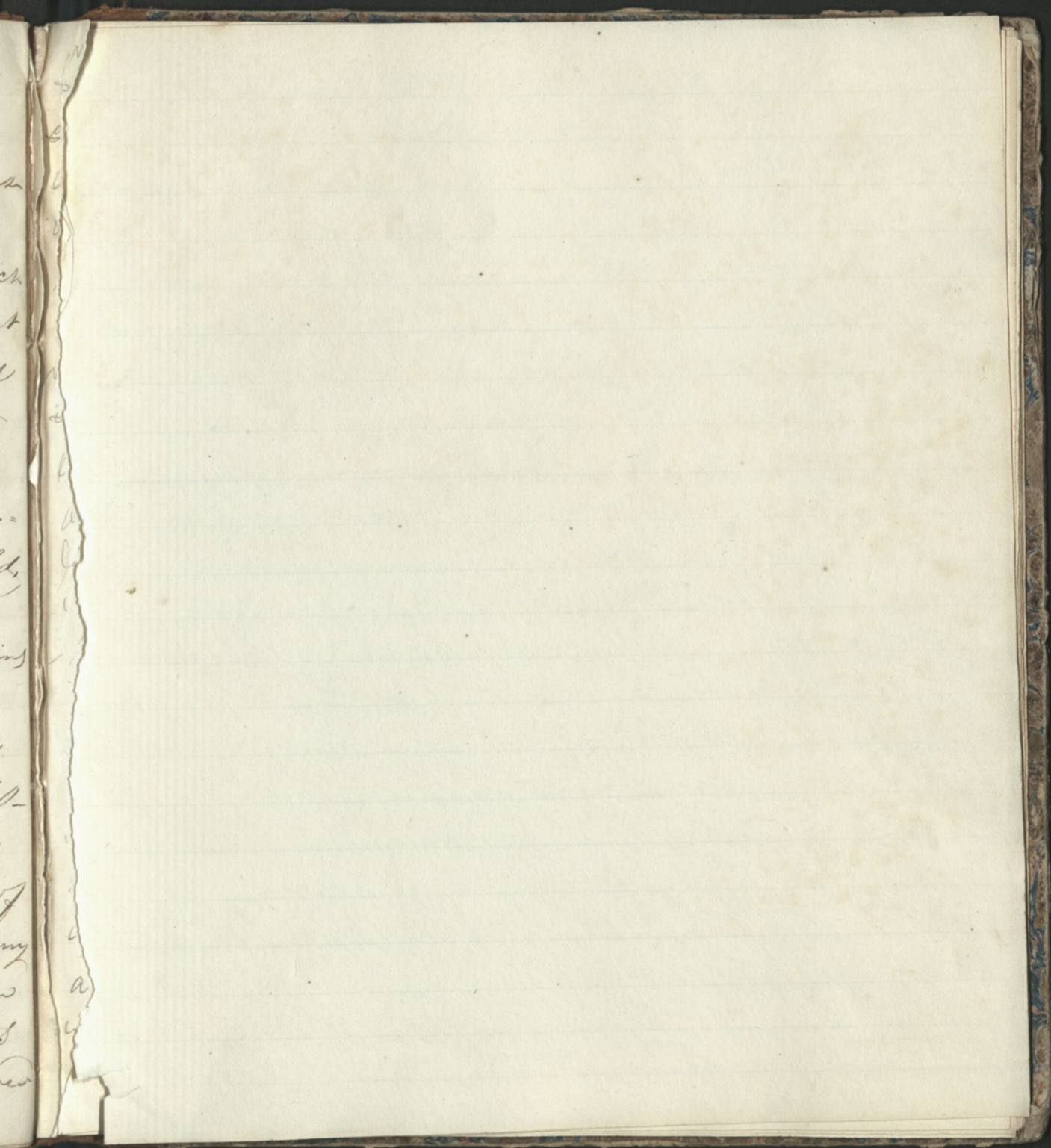
Met at Franklin Hall. Peter Macy in the
chair. At the suggestion of Nathaniel Barney
George Thompson's speech on the Legislature
respecting the bill regulating marriage
some remarks of George Bradburn ^{were read} in reply
to an unjust allusion of Mr. Dexter to
petitions for the repeal of the statute
regulating marriage sent up to the Legislature
by the women of Legon. The question was
moved by the society Isaac Austin & Andrew
M. Macy introduced the following resolutions

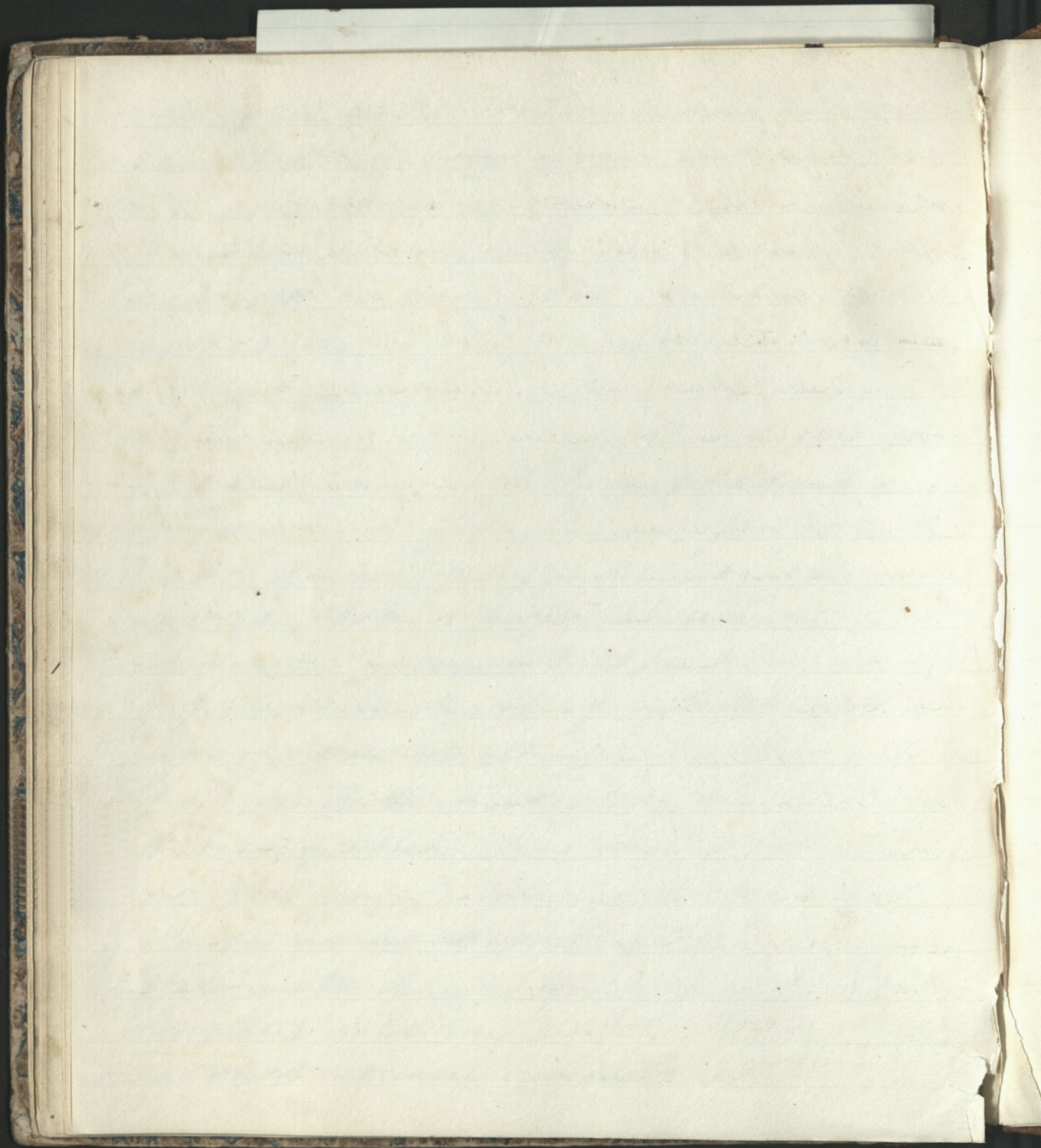
respecting the unconstitutional rule adopted by the U. S. House of Representatives on the 28th inst. which after some discussion, were adopted.

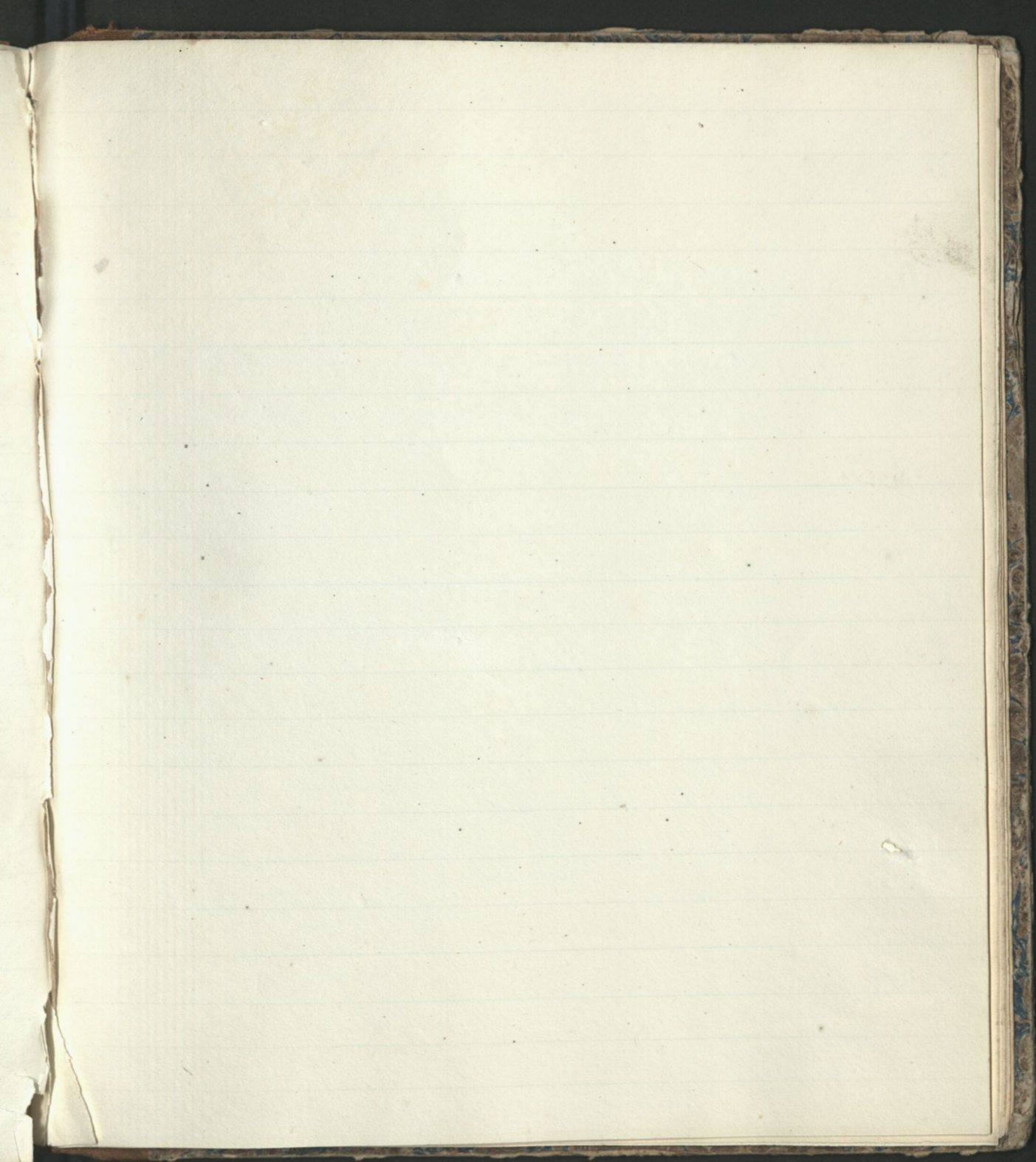
Resolved, Whereas the right of political guaranty^x tied to the citizens of this republic by their Constitution, has been for nearly four years violated & extinguished by the representatives of the people in Congress assembled, in regard to some petitions there presented, & whereas these & all other petitions were received & referred, as by right they ought to be, for 25 years prior to the year 1836, without any objection, & without any cry of any outrage from the southern section of our union, & who never till of late deemed that any of their rights were invaded or their honor assailed; but from the year 1836 up to the present time, new & unknown doctrines have been broached, & quickly, have followed, each other the alarming resolutions of Pinckney, Patton & Thurston,

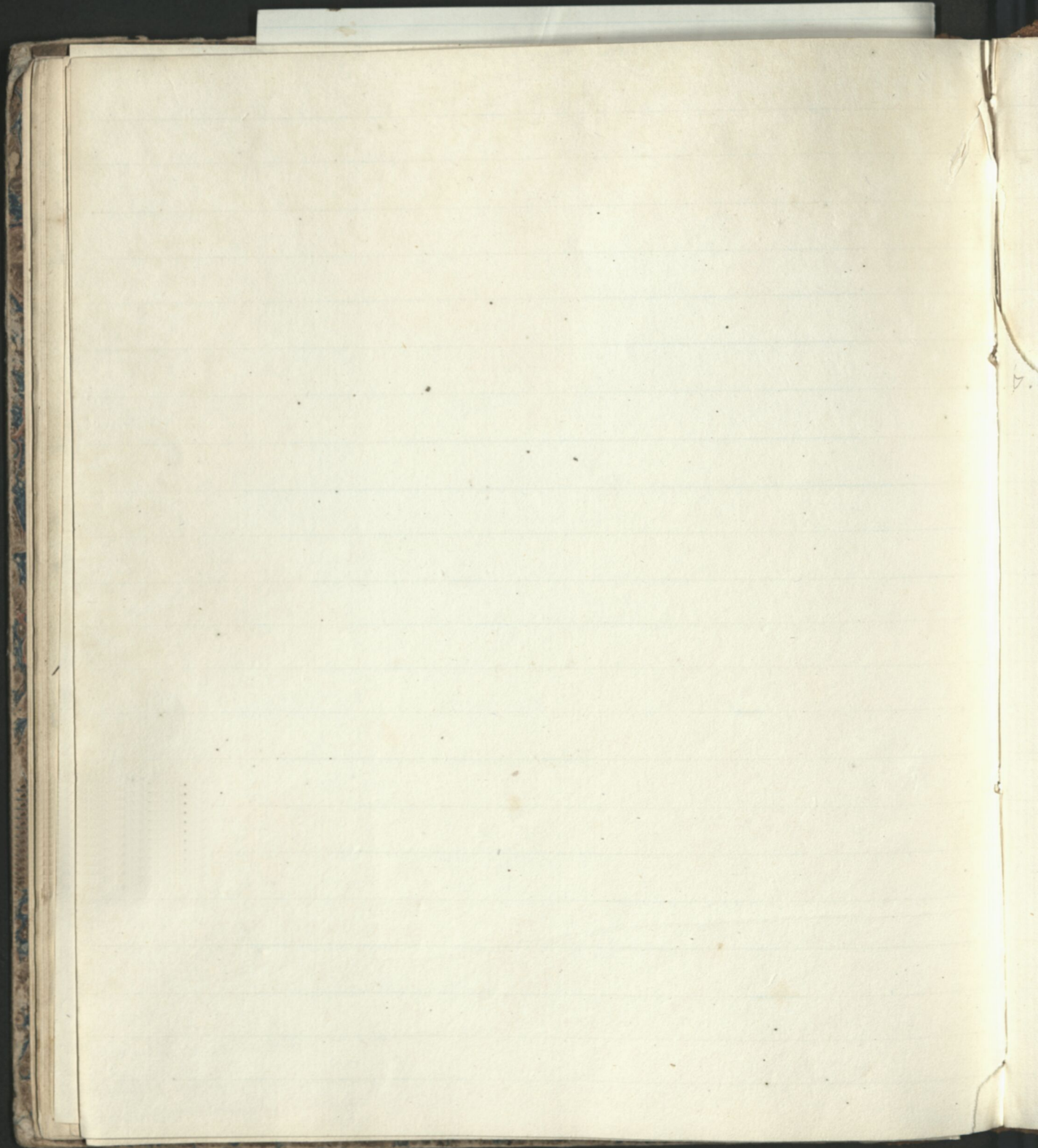
all of which have cloven down the
guaranteed^x right of petition, or have all
been carried through the house by a course
of action (as was declared by one of their
members)

a mental debasement which
southern slaveholders would never attempt
to force upon their slaves; or to crown all
they have at last arrived at a point
beyond all this, ^{having} adopted as a
standing rule of the house of representa-
tives of this only free government in the world,
an order, that no paper shall be received
which even presumed to speak on questions
of personal liberty—Therefore, Resolved—that
we regard the standing rule of the house
of representatives adopted Jan 28th 1840—
That no petition, memorial, resolution
or other paper praying the abolition of
slavery in the district of Columbia or any
state or territory or the slave trade between
the states or territories of the United States
in which it now exists, shall be received









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Charlotte V Brown
Susan A. Classby
Mary Swift Macy
Hannah B. Brown
Wm Hart

Eliza A. Barney
Lemuel Coffin
William Colleson
Daniel C. Easton
Eliza Starbuck
Emeline L. Lunt
Sarah Ann Easton
Susan M. Hensley
Sally Colerna

either voluntary or by compulsion, can remove
this great & increasing evil; & whereas we believe that
it is practicable, by appeals to the consciences, hearts,
& interests of the people, to awaken a public senti-
-ment throughout the nation, that will be opposed
to the continuance of slavery in any part of the
republic; & by effecting the speedy abolition of slavery,
prevent a general convulsion; and whereas we believe
we owe it to the oppressed, to our fellow citizens who hold
slaves, to our whole country, to posterity, & to God, to do all
that is lawfully in our power to bring about the extinc-
tion of slavery, we do hereby agree, with a prayerful
reliance on the Divine aid, to form ourselves into
a society, to be governed by the following

Constitution.

Art 1st This society shall be called the Sautucket
County Antislavery Society, auxiliary to the Mass.
State Antislavery Society

Art 2nd The objects of this society shall be first, the
abolition of American Slavery by the use of all
appropriate & justifiable measures; & secondly,
the elevation of the moral & intellectual character

Preamble

Whereas the most High God ^{made} hath of one blood all nations of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, & hath commanded them to love their neighbors as themselves; and whereas our national existence is based upon this principle, as recognised in the Declaration of Independence, that all men are created equal, & that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness; & whereas, after the lapse of nearly sixty years, since the faith & honor of the American people were pledged to this avowal, before Almighty God, & the world, nearly one sixth part of the nation are held in bondage by their fellow citizens; & whereas slavery is contrary to the principles of natural justice, of our republic, our form of government, & of the Christian religion, & is destructive to the prosperity of the country, while it is endangering the peace, union & liberties of the states; & whereas we believe it the duty & interest of the masters, immediately to emancipate their slaves, & that no scheme of expatriation

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